

<b>Expression</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
Agistment	Alpaca boarding at another farm or location for a fee
Alpaca	Fiber animal originally from South America - Chile, Bolivia and Peru
Altiplano	The mountainous plateau in Bolivia, Chile and Peru where alpaca roam in herds
AMA	Amber Moon Alpacas, Rochester, Vermont - A Fun Place to Raise Alpacas!
AOBA	Alpaca Owners and Breeders Association
ARI	Alpaca Registry, Inc.
Beans	A polite name for alpaca poop
Blanket	High quality fleece from the shoulder down the back and down each side
Bloodline	The alpaca pedigree.
Body Score	Rating for the alpaca body and health between 1 and 5 with 3 being the most favorable
Bottom Teeth	Alpaca only have teeth on the bottom - two in front and males have 2 incisors
BVD	Bovine viral diarrhea which is lethal to alpacas
Camelid	Alpacas belong to this family of animals that includes camels, llamas, vicunas and guanacos
Conformation	The stance and straightness of legs, back and teeth, bright eyes and alert behavior
Cria	Baby alpaca
Crimp	The wave of the huacaya alpaca fiber
Cud	Food that an alpaca returns from the first stomach to the mouth to chew a second time
Cush	Sitting position when alpaca legs are folded beneath the animal; Females cush during breeding
Dam	Mother of an alpaca
Dreadlock	What Suri fleece looks like
EPD	Estimated Progeny Differences & genetic linkages
Fiber	Alpaca fleece is a lustrous and natural fiber with no lanolin - it is hypoallergenic and not scratchy like wool
Fleece	Alpaca "hair" or fiber - See above
Gelding	Male alpaca who has been neutered (castrated)
Guard Hair	Stiff alpaca hairs which stand up from the fleece blanket and reduces the value of the fiber
Herdsire	Male alpaca used for breeding
Huacaya	Type of alpaca with a wavy fiber that looks fluffy like a bear - pronounced "wa-ki-ya"
Humming	A noise the alpaca makes when content or nervous
Incisors	Teeth in a male alpaca generally removed or filed down to prevent injury to other males
Juvenile	An alpaca over six months and under one year of age
Juvi	Nickname for a juvenile alpaca
Lock	A cluster of fiber
Luster	The brightness of the fiber in huacayas and the sheen in a suri
Maiden	A female alpaca who has not been bred
Micron	Equals 1/25,000th of an inch and refers to the fineness of fiber - the smaller the finer
Orgling	The noise a male alpaca makes when breeding with a female alpaca
Padded Feet	Alpaca have padded feet with two toes with nails that are trimmed periodically
Phenotype	The observable and desired traits that make up the alpaca
Prime Fleece	The section of fiber in the blanket of an alpaca which is the highest quality
Pronking	Alpaca playing which includes running and jumping alone or in groups
Proven	An alpaca who has live offspring
Roving	Processed fiber that is then spun into yarn
Ruminant	Alpaca are ruminants and chew their cud - alpaca have 3 stomachs.
Shearing	Removal of fleece from the alpaca with mechanical or manual shearing equipment
Sire	Father of an alpaca
Skirting	Removing hay, vegetation and contaminants from the fleece after shearing
Spitting	Alpacas can spit green slime from their regurgitated food, but generally not at humans
Staple	A cluster of individual fibers - the length of fiber is called staple length
Suri	Type of alpaca with long silky fiber-like dread locks
Vicuna	Alpacas are descendents of vicuna that are part of the Camelid family and are wild in South America
Weanling	Generally, crias are weaned at 6 months old
Yearling	An alpaca that has reached one year but less than two years of age